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HIS TESTIMONY IN THE INVESTIGATION AS TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BOER WAR IS VERY INTER-ESTING-WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT SIR GEORGE WHITE AND LADYSMITH.

Following are extracts from some of the most important testimony heard by the British War Commission in its recent enquiry, throwing resh light on the extraordinary state of unreadiness which prevailed at the outbreak of war:

Lord Roberts stated in his evidence that he was not referred to in any way as to the military preparations before the war. He was then commanding in Ireland. He added: "What I realized after I took over the command of the army in South Africa was that indifferent strategy had quite as much-and perhaps even more-to do with our mishaps in the early days of the war than inadequate numbers. With regard to the early Natal operations, Lord Roberts, asked whether Sir George White made the best of the situation as he found it, replied: That is a most difficult point to decide, but it has always seemed to me that it was still impossible for Sir George White to give effect to the great military principle of meeting the enemy with massed forces while they were still separated. I think the various actions and movements of Sir George White's troops must be regarded from that point of view, and that if so regarded they cannot be considered altogether satisfactory." Lord Roberts did not think the War Office could be held responsible for any shortcomings in Natal at this period. For a War Office 6,000 miles away, with no intimate knowledge of the local condtions, to have attempted to dictate to the generals on the spot would have been contrary to every principle of command. Lord Roberts added: "One cannot, of course, speak with certainty as to what might have been the result had a different line of action been adopted in Natal, but perhaps the most important lesson to be learned from the war was that an initial mistake in strategy had far-reaching effects, and was practically irretrievable.

"So far as the War Office is directly concerned," Lord Roberts went on to say, "the main defects in preparation, in my opinion, were: (1) The selection of Ladysmith as the principal military station and advance depot in Natal, and leaving it absolutely undefended. Sir George White was forced to hold on to it, for, had he abandoned it, an immense amount of supplies and ordnance stores, which there was not time to remove, would have fallen into the enemy's bands.

(2) The plan by which General Buller's force was to advance in three columns through Cape Colony towards the Orange Free State. (3) Having no properly organized Transport Department, the absence of which prevented any movement being made away from the

several lines of railway. (4) The failure to foresee the necessity for employing a large force

of mounted infantry. (5) Under-estimating the possible strength of the enemy, the mag- ing habit so common in South Carelina. thereof to the government, semi-annitude of the theater of the war, and consequently the number of troops He shot because, as he claims, Gonthat would be required for the long lines of communication.

(6) Neglect to supply the Army with a proportion of heavy artil-(6) Neglect to supply the Army with a proportion of heavy artiling any community where the pistol is to be made at the fall of the hammer, lery sufficiently mobile to accompany the troops in the field. Cruis of this description have always formed part of the armament of an Indian field force, and even in a mountainous country like Afghanistan they field force, and even in a mountainous country like Afghanistan they man, did good service.

(7) The want of suitable maps.

"Whether the fortification of important points in the lines of communication was suggested by the War Office," said Lord Roberts, "I am not aware. It certainly would have been a wise precaution had despot who made helots out of freemeasures been taken while there was still time to place certain localities born Englishmen now walls: "We have -such a position behind the Tugela in Natal, and De Aar, and Naauw- changed our tyrant from Kruger to port Junction in Cape Colony-in a state of defence.'

"The fighting strength and resources of the Boers," the Command- has gone like everything else." er-in-Chief added, "were at first under-estimated. Before the war the mining industry has not yet regained force readily available at home for expeditionary action abroad was, in the prosperous position it held under my opinion, inadequate, and efforts are now being made to remedy this lander" cry now is for Chinese, who Tea! Tea! Less Than 3 Days being the Army Reserve and adding a Third Army Corps to the two previously organized for such action. The charge of an exhole world. But whatever haveness to the two previously organized for such action. The absence of an whole world. But whatever happens organized reserve at the end of 1899 was undoubtedly unfortunate. In Mr. Chamberlain is a great man. January, 1900, I found it difficult to assemble a force of men and guns arge enough for the march on Bloemfontein, and I should have been relieved of many anxieties if I had felt justified in calling on the govern- brain power may be increased 60 per ment to send me immediate reinforcements of Regular units. At the cent, by the use of this new stuff time, however, the Regular Army in England (excluding the recruits at form the lecithin habit.-The Philadelthe depots) had dwindled down to nine battalions and 16 field batteries; phia Ledger. and I was reluctant to put forward demands which would have caused a still further reduction.

Asked as to the shooting of the men, Lord Roberts replied: "I think there is room for considerable improvement. They were better at long distances than they were at short distances, but they were nothing like

as good as the Boers at the short distance. You think the Boers were better? Much befter.

Regarding the qualifications of officers, Lord Roberts said: I am decidedly of opinion that we cannot have a first-class Army unless we have a first-rate staff, well educated, constantly practiced at manoeuvers, and with wide experience. Brains are even more important in war than numbers, and in an Army which may contain a large proportion of men who are not soldiers by profession, trained leaders are especially important. The provision of such leaders is a point to which we can hardly pay too much attention. In the South African campaign raw troops of good class, who were officered by men who knew their business, rapidly became efficient; and those units which had really good staff officers did far better work, at a much smaller cost of life and health, than those where staff officers were either injudiciously selected or inexperienced.

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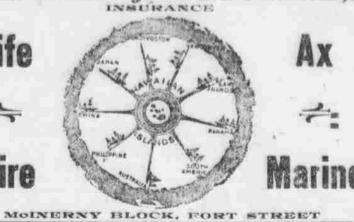
NEW YORK, Oct, 22-A case involving the entire aluminum in therefrom, upon and from the public dustry of the country was decided here, when the United States Court lands, situate on the Island of Hawall of Appeals handed down a decision upholding the validity of the so- and lying between the sea on the called Bradley patent for smelting by the use of electricity.

The suit was one brought by the Electric Smelting and Aluminum Walplo Valley and the boundary line for Probate of Will. Company of Cleveland against the Pittsburg Reduction Company, the between the lands of Laupahoehoe 1 only concern manufacturing aluminum in this country, and the court and 2, Nakooka, Apua, Watkapu, and reversed the decision of the lower court, granted the Cleveland com- Honopue on one side and the lands of of October A. D. 1903 been presented to pany an injunction restraining the Pittsburg Reduction Company from Punkapu and Kawaihae 1, on the other said Probate Court, and a Petition for the use of the process at present employed, and ordering an accounting side, until such line reaches an eleva- the Probate thereof, and for the Isof the profits for the time it has been manufacturing aluminum in infringement of the Bradley patent, some twelve years.

The Bradley patents sustained by the court were taken out by Charles S. Bradley in 1891 and 1892, and covered the use of the electric current to fuse and electrolize a material, the current acting both to main tain the compound in a fused state without the use of external heat, and be offered at Public Auction on Mon- Oahu be and the same hereby is apto separate it into its constituent parts, aluminum being separated from day. November 30, 1903, at 12 o'clock pointed the time and place for proving clay in this manner. The patent is a general one, applying to the electrolysis of any material.

Of the total working population of the United States women con- bid upon the rate per cent of the net stitute less than 15 per cent. Compare this with other countries and revenues of the enterprise carried on in Honolulu the last publication to be you will realize fully how well women are treated in America. In Ger- under such license, to be paid annually not less than ten days previous to the many the percentage of females employed to the total self-supporting to the government of the Territory of time therein appointed for hearing. population is 25, while in England it is 27. In Italy the percentage is Hawali, from and after the third year 40, and in Austria 47. Among the Indians it used to be 100, and about of the term of such license. the same percentage was found by Livingstone in Africa. The higher A bond of \$10,000 will be required on Second Judge Circuit Court, First Honolulu, T. H. the civilization the lower the percentage.-New York Press.

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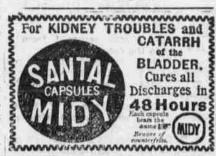
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conditioned on the due performance of It is deserving of careful considera- the requirement that \$10,000 be expendon the net revenues. Any bid than on percentage of the net revenues will not be entertained.

Full information in regard to other conditions of such license will be furnished at the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands.

E. S. BOYD, Commissioner of Public Lands, Public Lands Office,

October 22, 1903.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE Circuit-Territory of Hawall. At Chambers-In Probate, in the Matter of the Estate of Morris

M. Estee, Deceased, Order for Notice of Hearing Petition or Probate of Will.

A Document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Morris M. Estee, deceased, having on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1903, been presented to said Probate Court, and a Petition for the Probate thereof, and for the Issuance of Letters Testament-ary to Frances H. Estee, Charles J. eering and Leonard Everett having en filed by J. J. Dunne, on behalf of those interested;

It is hereby ordered, that Monday, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at Hono-lulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawali, be and the same hereby is appointed the time and place for proving said Will and

earing said application.
It is further ordered that notice hereof be given, by publication, once week for three successive weeks, in the Hawalian Star, a newspaper published in said Honolulu, the last publication to be not less than ten days previous to the time therein appointed or hearing.
Dated at Honolulu, Oahu, Territory

Hawaii, October 27th, 190 W. J. ROBINSON, Third Judge, First Circuit Court.

First Circuit, Territory of Hawail. At Chambers-In Probate

In the Matter of the Estate of Josephine C. Barber. Order for Notice of Hearing Petition

A document purporting to be the last will and testament of Josephine C Barber deceased, having on the 19 day tion of 4200 feet, thence a contour line suance of Letters Testamentary to William O. Smith having been filed by

It is hereby ordered, that Monday, said Will and hearing said applica-

It is further ordered, that notice Persons competing at this sale will thereof b wiven, by publication, once a week for 3 successive weeks, in the Hawaiian Star a newspaper published Dated at Honolulu, Oahu October 19,

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